

The Laborie We Want

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The Vision

A vibrant community where there is continuous improvement in the quality of life and where people are able to enjoy all the basic necessities and to participate fully in the process of development. In this vision:



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- ✓ there is tolerance, respect and discipline in the community and all residents can feel secure and safe
- ✓ there is a spirit and a practice of cooperation and volunteerism
- ✓ residents can all enjoy mental, physical, spiritual and emotional health and wellness
- ✓ skills and creativity are encouraged, and entrepreneurship is nurtured and facilitated
- ✓ there is a good understanding and appreciation of history and heritage, and an active promotion of culture, contributing to pride and self-esteem
- ✓ natural resources are conserved and managed, the environment is clean and healthy, and residents have equitable access to resources and there is a strong, resilient and diversified economy
- ✓ the community is aware of the existing and potential impacts of external threats, including climate change, and equipped to adapt to and mitigate those threats



Our Strategies

We pursue 5 complementary, overarching strategies

1. Identify and leveraging available **economic resources**
2. Nurturing and protecting the **potential of all citizens**
3. Building environmental **resilience, quality and sustainability**
4. Promoting and nurturing **cultural identity, self-esteem, community spirit and artistic expression**
5. Practicing **participatory governance**



Identify and leveraging available **economic resources**

Especially by:

Supporting our traditional economic sectors (agriculture and fisheries) through initiatives like the Laborie Union of Cooperatives [LUC], training, the promotion of climate-smart techniques, enhanced access to diverse markets and strong producers' organisations

Pursuing the development of our unique community-based tourism sector

Nurturing our artistic talent and turning it into income and employment opportunities

Developing sports as an opportunity to generate revenue and enhance livelihoods

Exploring new and emerging sectors and opportunities, including those that enhance our resilience to climate change

Supporting all our economic endeavours with appropriate technology

Facilitating access to finance



Nurturing and protecting the **potential of all citizens**

Especially by:

Ensuring that our children have access to quality education at all levels, from early childhood to tertiary and vocational

Raising awareness and constantly creating learning opportunities

Supporting the acquisition of technical, management and financial planning skills

Engaging citizens in science and decision-making

Promoting sports and arts as essential ingredients of human development

Providing health education and encouraging self-management of healthcare

Facilitating access to health services, including through a community-managed Medical Assistance Fund



Building environmental resilience, quality and sustainability

Especially by:

Ensuring that there is integrated land use planning and effective development control in our terrestrial and marine space, with a comprehensive physical development plan and a set of planning guidelines for the Laborie watershed and the marine area

Promoting good environmental practices, including those that help us to adapt to climate change

Identifying and implementing measures to protect and restore our coast, especially in response to climate change and sea level rise

Managing waste effectively

Encouraging beautification of public and private spaces



Promoting and nurturing **cultural identity, self-esteem, community spirit and artistic expression**

Especially by:

Promoting and supporting research, documentation and interpretation of local history

Identifying the monuments and sites requiring conservation, actively engaging in their management, and supporting architectural preservation

Conducting projects and activities that increase local pride (e. g. street names)

Placing arts and culture at the centre of community development through training, festivals, events and active cultural group



Practice of **participatory governance**

Especially by:

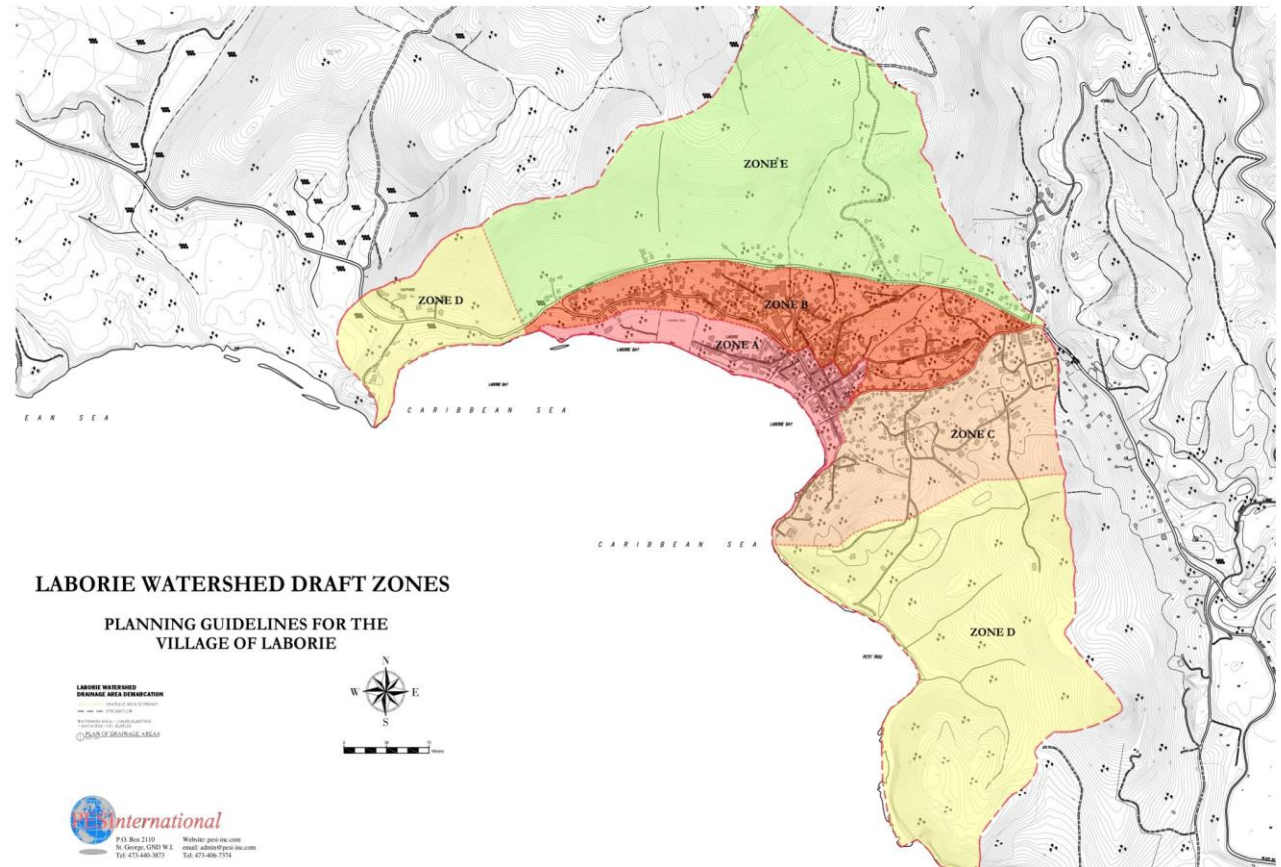
Designing and implementing activities that promote social cohesion

Building and constantly strengthening our community institutions

Facilitating and promoting collaboration between these organisations

Establishing and nurturing diverse partnerships (with government agencies, businesses, civil society organisations, and external institutions – including twinning arrangements with other communities and organisations)

Developing and setting up mechanisms to facilitate community-based and co-management of local (public) resources



Promote **inclusiveness, engagement and advocacy**

As a ***cross-cutting*** strategy, by ...

- actively promoting volunteerism
- giving young people a strong voice and a central role in the life of the community and its institutions
- ensuring that women and men, girls and boys, have equal opportunities to contribute to the life and growth of their community
- engaging our diaspora in all community development processes





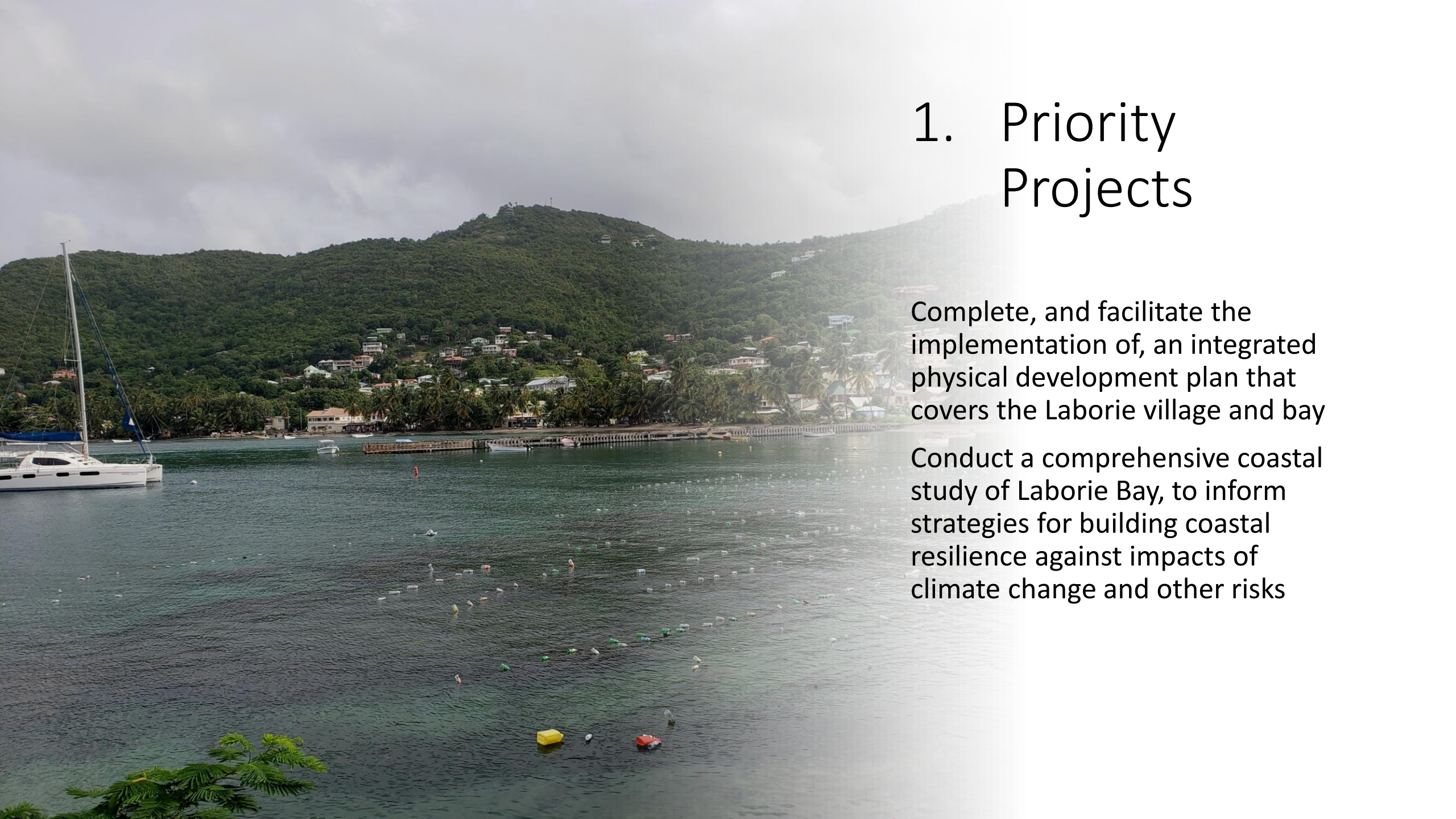
Priority Projects

As needs and opportunities arise, we design and seek funding for the implementation of projects that can accelerate the realisation of our vision:

1. Priority Projects

Complete, and facilitate the implementation of, an integrated physical development plan that covers the Laborie village and bay

Conduct a comprehensive coastal study of Laborie Bay, to inform strategies for building coastal resilience against impacts of climate change and other risks



2. Priority Projects

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Design and support the implementation of a management plan for the Rudy John Beach Park, with the option of a co-management arrangement between the National Conservation Authority, the Laborie-Augier Constituency Council and the Laborie Development Foundation



3. Priority Projects

Sustain our collective efforts to develop community-based tourism, optimising the local business opportunities and social benefits to Laborians while offering the visitor a unique and positive experience



4. Priority Projects

Participate in the Pilot Recycling Plastic Waste in the OECS (RePlast OECS) project, an OECS-wide plastic waste collection and recycling system





5. Priority Projects

Design and implement projects that reduce our vulnerability to climate change



6. Priority Projects

Create a community arts training and development centre that supports all artists and cultural groups and offers opportunity for training, exchange, rehearsals and production





7. Priority Projects

Design and launch a community history project that documents the social, economic, political and environmental history of our community

How we make it happen -1

All our community institutions must play their part in the implementation of the strategies, focusing on their respective mandates and capacities;

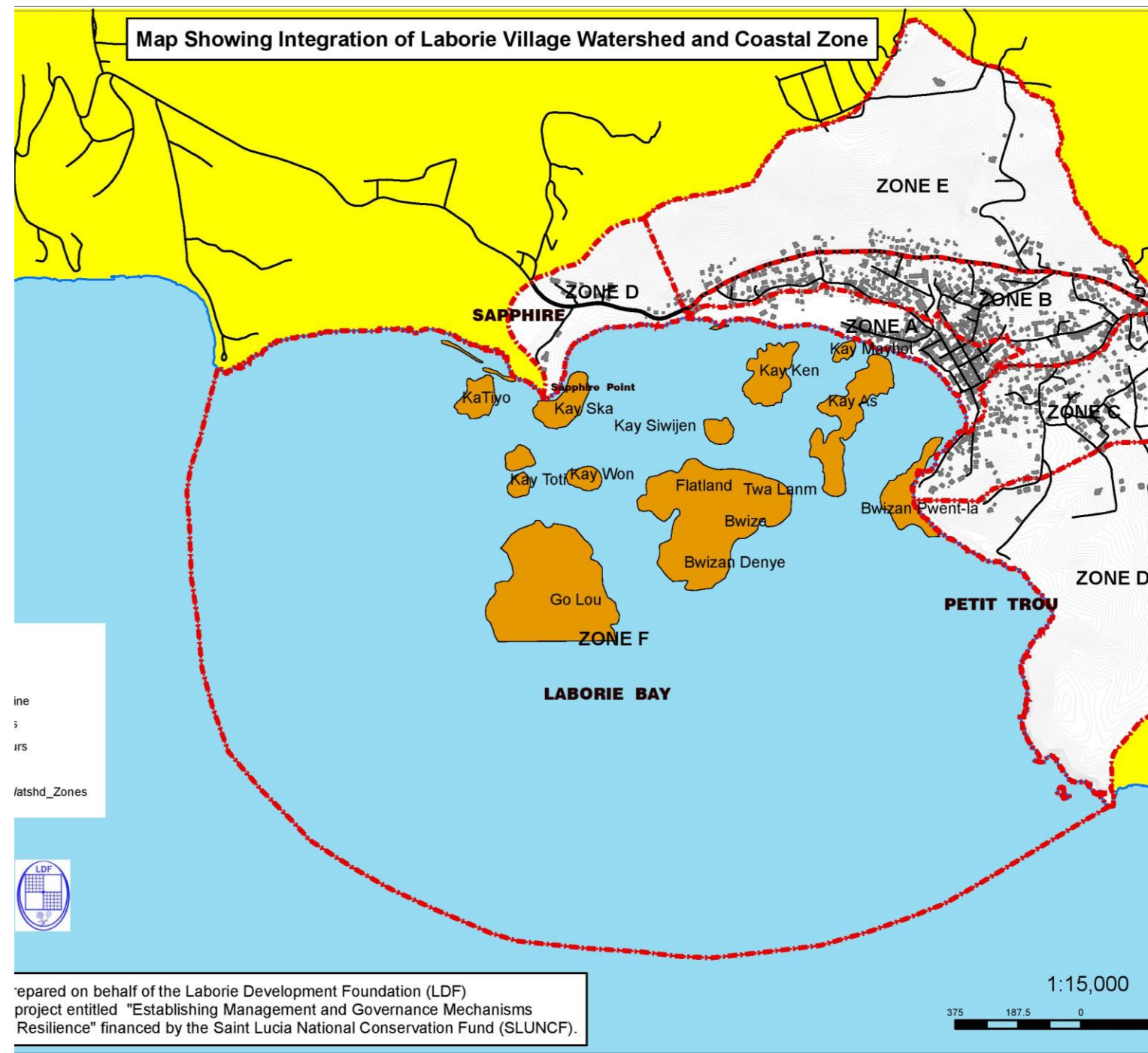
Laborie-Augier Constituency Council

Laborie Cooperative Credit Union



How we make it happen -2

Using the provisions of the Physical Planning and Development Act, we will –
Request the establishment of a local Physical Planning and Development Advisory Committee that will assist in development planning and in the review of planning applications



How we make it happen -3

The Laborie Development Foundation
in 2002—

Constituted at the federation of active
community organisations serves as
the local facilitator for strategic
planning and the reference point on
community governance

Supports the growth of other
community organisations

Implements a communication and
public awareness strategy

Designs and executes special and
priority projects; monitors progress
towards the realisation of the vision

Co-manages selected community
assets

